GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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HAZARDOUS POSITION OF POWER HOUSES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 power houses are likely to become hazardous for environment;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in regard thereto;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these power houses have also become very old and the coal which they receive is of very poor quality; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to improve the condition of these power houses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c): According to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB),out of 77 thermal power plants, 35 plants have been provided with requisite pollution control facilities and are complying with emission standards. 3 power plants are closed and remaining 39 plants are yet to install/augment requisite pollution control facilities. Questionnaire Survey, surprise inspections are made by CPCB on regular basis to verify and update the status of existing pollution control facilities in thermal power plants.

(d): Some of the thermal power stations have become very old with respect to their life of operation. Coal received to the thermal power stations is of poor quality having ash content in the range of 40-50%.

(e): Thermal Power Stations have been advised to augment/renovate the existing pollution control facilities in a time-bound manner and also to carry out renovation and modernisation so as to meet MOEF`sstipulation. It is also planned to supply coal with ash not exceeding 34% to the power plants located beyond 1000 Kms from coal source and also to the plants located in city and sensitive areas with effect from June, 2001.